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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Richard Zeile, NASBE Delegate

SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding 2012 NASBE Awards and 2013 Board of Directors Nominations

State Boards of Education have been asked by the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) to submit nominations for the 2012 Policy Leader of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Friend of Education Award. The communication from NASBE is included as Attachment A. Nominations for the awards are due May 18, 2012.

In addition, State Boards of Education have been asked to submit nominations for 2013 President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Area Directors. The communication from NASBE is included as Attachment B. Nominations for the Board of Directors are due June 8, 2011.

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# MEMO

TO: NASBE State Board Chairs, Members, and Executive Directors  
 FROM: Jeff Pollard, Chief Financial Officer  
 RE: **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – NASBE 2012 AWARDS**  
 DATE: April 18, 2012

## AWARDS NOMINATIONS

As you know, each year the National Association of State Boards of Education presents three awards to people who have distinguished themselves in the field of education. The awards will be presented at our 2012 Annual Conference to be held in Chicago, IL on October 11-13. *Nominations forms for these three prestigious awards were also emailed today to your state board chairman and executive director; and for your convenience, are also available on our website through the below links.*

The ***Policy Leader of the Year Award*** provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions made by policymakers and education leaders who have had an impact on education at a **national** level. This award underscores the vital role that creative, committed, and enduring leadership plays in improving and sustaining our education system. *For this award, we seek to consider nominees (other than members of state boards of education) who have specifically had an impact on education policy and the education system, either in their role as national policymakers and administrators or as citizens who have contributed to the improvement of education through such venues as national commissions, task forces, or other significant boards and organizations.* Past winners include Senator Johnny Isakson, Congressman Ralph Regula, Education Secretary Richard Riley, several governors, Congressman Bill Goodling, former First Lady Barbara Bush, author Jonathan Kozol, Jim Henson, former Governor (and now Senator) Mark Warner from Virginia, and last year's winner, General Colin and Mrs. Alma Powell.

The ***Distinguished Service Award*** is presented to recognize up to three state board members for exceptional service and leadership rendered on behalf of education. Recipients exemplify personal and professional dedication to improving public education in their states. *For this award, we seek nominees who are current or recently retired state board members whose past or current efforts on behalf of education are deemed to be of outstanding benefit to the quality of American education and the shaping of its future.*

The ***Friend of Education Award*** is given to recognize citizens or organizations whose primary work may be outside the realm of education policy and education systems, but whose contributions to education are significant and enduring. *For this award, we are looking for non-traditional nominees, such as individuals from the fields of business, the arts, entertainment or sports.* Previous winners include the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Milken Foundation, Claiborne Deming (AR), Security Benefit of Topeka, Kansas, James Orr (ME), Chad Wick (OH), Robert Marshall (MD), and last year's winner, Gov. Bob Wise (WV).

All members in good standing of NASBE are encouraged to submit nominations for review by the Award Selection Committees. Nominations may come from a state board or from an individual member of a board. It is important that the winners of these prestigious awards be present to accept them at the Annual Conference in the Nation's Capital so we ask that you carefully consider who you would like to nominate and be willing to actively encourage your nominee to attend if he or she is chosen.

Please complete and email or fax the appropriate nomination form, a letter of endorsement, and the completed questions **by May 18th, 2012** to the address listed below. No other materials are needed, as only the Nomination Form, endorsement letter, and questions will be submitted for review. These forms have been provided to your State Board Chair and Executive Director; feel free to contact me for more forms, if needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me ([jeffp@nasbe.org](mailto:jeffp@nasbe.org)) or 703/684-4000, ext. 1103, if you have any questions regarding either the Board of Directors or Awards nominations process. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at upcoming NASBE meetings and conferences.

Awards Committee  
c/o Jeff Pollard, Chief Financial Officer  
National Association of State Boards of Education  
2121 Crystal Drive, Suite 350  
Arlington, VA 22202

# MEMO

TO: NASBE State Board Chairs, Members, and Executive Directors  
 FROM: Doris Cruel, Director of Conventions & Meetings  
 On behalf of Gayle Manchin, President & Jim Kohlmoos, Executive Director  
 RE: **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – NASBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 DATE: April 19, 2012

## **NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

We are pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2013 NASBE Board of Directors. As NASBE steps forward to take an even greater leadership role in policymaking in education in the coming months and years, we encourage you to take part in selecting the leadership of your great Association. Please take a few moments to review the following guidelines and submit nominations for yourself and/or interested state board colleagues for the positions of NASBE President-elect and Area Director for your region. Your active participation in this nominating process is highly valued and greatly appreciated.

**In order to adequately prepare for the Nominations Committee meeting in June, nominations for the following offices must be received at NASBE headquarters no later than June 8, 2012.**

**1. President-elect** - The President-elect shall be nominated and voted on by the general membership at the Annual Business meeting during the Annual Conference. The President-elect shall become President following the term as President-elect; and there is no Vice President position.

**2. Area Director** - The Area Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting states of a particular area during the Annual Business Meeting at the Annual Conference. Area Directors shall serve for two years with staggered terms and may hold the same office for two consecutive terms only.

According to NASBE Bylaws, to be eligible to serve as an Officer or Area Director, an individual shall be a member of a dues-paying state board of education, except that any person actually assuming the office of President shall be eligible to complete normal terms as President and Immediate Past President even though that person's state board term may have expired. All candidates must submit a letter of support from their state board of education to be eligible to run for office and may not be in the final year of a term of service on their state board of education. In addition, to be eligible to be elected as President-elect, the candidate shall have prior NASBE Board of Director service or have served as the chairperson of a study group or the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Nominations should include (1) letter of support from state board of education, (2) biographical information on the candidate, and (3) a brief statement asserting the candidate's interest in serving (to include any relevant details about beliefs, experience, and issues of importance). This information can be submitted on the form found below via email, fax or mail.

The Nominations Committee urges you to consider the following criteria in selecting your nominees for the above listed offices.

Other Criteria for office:

- \* Ability to attend quarterly meetings of the Board (January, March, June and October 2013);
- \* Ability to attend the Annual Conference
- \* NASBE Bylaws indicate that the Nominations Committee shall be sensitive to the need for a wide and well-balanced geographical distribution for the officers of this Association.

*(Nominees understand that the state will be responsible for expenses associated with attending all meetings or participating in conference calls, except where notified under separate cover.)*

**You are free to nominate any NASBE member for the offices listed. In this regard, we hope that you will put NASBE nominations on your upcoming board agenda.**

The Nominations Committee will meet on June 8, 2012 to interview candidates for the positions of President-elect and Area Directors. Please send your nominations to: Allan Taylor c/o Nominations Committee, NASBE, 2121 Crystal Drive, Suite 350, Arlington, VA 22202 by June 4, 2012. If you prefer, you can fax the form to NASBE at 703/836-2313, attention: Doris Cruel. Listed below, you will find a roster of current officers and directors.

**2012 NASBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b>President</b>	<b>Gayle Manchin, West Virginia</b>
<b>President-elect</b>	<b>Patrick Guida, Rhode Island</b>
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<b>Allan Taylor, Connecticut</b>
<b>Secretary Treasurer</b>	<b>Rob Hovis, Ohio</b>

**Area Directors -**

<b>Northeastern:</b>	<b>Mary Lord, District of Columbia</b> <b>Ilan Plawker, New Jersey</b>
<b>Central:</b>	<b>Dave Dennis, Kansas</b> <b>Stan Archie, Missouri</b>
<b>Southern:</b>	<b>Brenda Gullett, Arkansas</b> <b>Mary Sue Murray, Georgia</b>
<b>Western:</b>	<b>Carol Murphy, Utah</b> <b>Jane Goff, Colorado</b>
<b>New Member Representatives:</b>	<b>Steve Pound, Maine</b> <b>Ferdinand Risco, Jr., Connecticut</b>
<b>NCSBEE President</b>	<b>Martez Hill, North Carolina</b>
<b>NCOSEA President</b>	<b>Mark Oettinger, Vermont</b>